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TAGS: SREF IT IZ  
SUBJECT: IRAQI JEWS

DEPT PASS USINT BAGHDAD

REF A. STATE 080551; B. STATE 084779; C. ROME 3512

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ITALIAN EMBASSY BAGHDAD HAS CONFIRMED MURDER OF KASHKUSH FAMILY BY IRAQI SECRET POLICE, BUT FROM OTHER THAN OFFICIAL IRAQI SOURCES. ON OTHER HAND, IRAQI GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE FACILITATING EMIGRATION OF JEWS. ITALIANS AND OTHER WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN BAGHDAD BELIEVE THAT FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO IRAQIS ON BEHALF OF IRAQI JEWS WOULD BE USELESS AND COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. END SUMMARY.

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3. ITALIAN MESSAGE COMMENTED THAT IRAQI SECRET POLICE POWERFUL AND ALMOST AUTONOMOUS WITH REPUTATION FOR VIOLENCE AND REPRESSION.

HOWEVER, IN ITALIAN EMBASSY VIEW IT " IMPROBABLE" THAT GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ HAS UNDERTAKEN CAMPAIGN OF PERSECUTION AGAINST IRAQI JEWS, AND ALL EVIDENCE POINTS TO SECRET POLICE ACTING ON THEIR OWN. ITALIANS BELIEVE THAT IRAQI GOVERNMENT ITSELF CONCERNED RE SITUATION OF IRAQI JEWS, AND DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT MATTER TO GET OUT OF HAND. THEREFORE, IRAQIS ARE FACILITATING EMIGRATION OF JEWS, AND ISSUING PASSPORTS TO THEM WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. ITALIANS INFORMED THAT EUROPEAN EMBASSIES IN BAGHDAD HAVE ISSUED THIRTY VISAS TO IRAQI JEWS DURING PAST FEW WEEKS.

4. ACCORDING ITALIAN EMBASSY MESSAGE, IT IS CONSENSUS AMONG WESTERN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN BAGHDAD THAT ANY FURTHER INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF IRAQI JEWS WITH IRAQI GOVERNMENT WOULD BE USELESS AND POSSIBLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. TO ITALIAN EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, NO RPT NO OTHER WESTERN EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO IRAQIS ON SUBJECT.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL STATED THAT " VARIETY OF SOURCES" CITED IN ITALIAN MESSAGE DOES NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE ANY APPROACH TO IRAQI GOVERNMENT BECAUSE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH FOUR ABOVE, ITALIAN EMBASSY DEEMED THIS INADVISABLE. OFFICIAL SAID THAT ISRAELI EMBASSY ROME HAD BEEN GIVEN SUBSTANCE OF ITALIAN EMBASSY'S REPORT ON MAY 7.

6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B, WE ASKED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY QUERIES ITALIAN EMBASSY BAGHDAD ABOUT REPORTED MURDER OF TWAGES AND GAHTAN BROTHERS, AND OFFICIAL AGREED TO DO SO.  
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